

MARKET BULLETIN

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Title	Transfers of Underwriting Capacity - Capacity Market Rules for 2010
Purpose	Rules and guidance relating to capacity auctions and bilateral transactions in capacity and capacity offers
Type	Scheduled
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Related links	http://www.lloyds.com/Lloyds_Market/Capacity/Capacity_auctions/Rules_And_guides.htm

Summary

The rules and guidance for the 2010 capacity transfer season have now been finalised and can be viewed at the above link. There have been no substantive amendments made to the 2009 versions of the Auction Rules, the Bilateral Arrangements Rules, the Capacity Offer Rules and the explanatory guide to the Capacity Auctions and Bilateral Arrangements.

Lloyd's has decided that it is no longer necessary to maintain the Conversion Rules as in recent years there has been a decrease in the number of individual members who might convert under the Conversion Rules, particularly since the introduction of Limited Liability Partnerships as a form of Lloyd's member. Lloyd's will instead deal with matters relating to conversion on a case by case basis with the members' agents as and when required and it will amend its Byelaws to reflect this change in approach (including specifying which types of conversion will require prior consultation with Lloyd's). Members' Agents should continue to contact their usual Market Services' representatives as normal in relation to any prospective conversions.

The auction dates for 2010 are:

Auction 1	7 & 8 September
Auction 2	14 & 15 September
Auction 3	28 & 29 September
Fourth Auction	10 & 11 November

Disclosure Notification

Managing agents are reminded that Auction Rule 20(4) imposes an obligation on managing agents to ensure that any Relevant Information which comes into their possession shall be disclosed promptly to the members of their respective syndicate(s) with a copy of any such disclosure promptly provided to the Lloyd's Auction Office. The Lloyd's Auction Office will accept disclosures up to noon on the penultimate working day before an auction starts and will arrange for all disclosures to be posted to the designated area on the lloyds.com website within three hours of receipt.

Contact

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